Dear Neighbor:

Perhaps nothing has held the attention of Connecticut's citizens more than the ethical swamp that was created by the Rowland administration. It seems like every day we read another story in the newspapers, or hear it on TV or radio, about another state official or some state employee failing to do the right thing. And you know it's not over. There are more news stories to come.

Well, I am here to fight to clean up corruption in our state and make our great state a model for strong ethical government.

On January 10th, I joined with members of the Senate Democratic Caucus to unveil a comprehensive ethics reform package that will get a fair hearing before the public. It is a package of reforms for which I intend to fight.

On the reverse of this legislative update, you will find further details of our plan. I hope you will take the time to review these and that you will let me know of any thoughts, ideas or opinions you may have.

Sincerely,

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INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY, STOPPING FUTURE ABUSES

Our proposed ethics reform package seeks to:

- Implement campaign finance reform including public financing beginning with the governor's office in 2010, reducing the role of big money and lobbyists
- Institute a Corrupt Officials Act, allowing the reduction or elimination of pensions of public officials convicted of corrupt practices
- Reform state contract procedures to end favoritism and undue influence
- Reform the State Ethics Commission into an independent Office of State Ethics
- Ban all gifts for state employees
- Require municipalities to establish ethics standards and procedures in line with the state's model code of ethics

